

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/050,112 filed January 18, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**At page 20-21, replace the bridging paragraph with the following new paragraph:**

As is evident from the exemplary embodiment shown in Fig. 4, it is preferable that the position S of the magnetic tape drawing-out port (opening 42) of the magnetic tape cartridge 10 is on the outer side with respect to the reference hole (here, 10b) of the magnetic tape cartridge 10 but on the inner side with respect to the corner 10p of the cartridge case 12 of the magnetic tape cartridge 10. In an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the magnetic tape drawing-out port (opening 42) is provided between a position corresponding to a screw hole 70 used for assembling upper and lower cases 12a, 12b and provided in the corner 10p of the cartridge case 12, and a position corresponding to a reference hole (here, 10b) provided in the vicinity of a central portion of the cartridge case 12.